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THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

In response to an invitation extended by the members of the Association resident at Adelbert College, the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA held its fourteenth annual meeting as the guest of the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, December 29, 30, 31, 1896.

The first and fourth regular sessions and the extra session were held in the Public Library Building of Cleveland, the second and third regular sessions were held in Adelbert College.

FIRST SESSION, DECEMBER 29.

The President of the Association, Professor Calvin Thomas, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Secretary, James W. Bright, submitted the following report :

The Secretary of the Modern Language Association of America begs to submit as the chief part of his annual report the complete published volume (the eleventh of the series) of the *Publications* of the Association, with Appendix I, containing the Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Association, and Appendix II, containing the Proceedings of the first Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the Association.

In accordance with the established relation between the Association and its Central Division, this volume contains articles read at the meeting of the Central Division.

The Secretary wishes to add an expression of his gratification at the hearty coöperation of the Central Division in aiding the promotion and extension of the work of the Association during the past year.

The Secretary's report was adopted.

The Treasurer of the Association, Herbert E. Greene, presented the following report :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 26, 1895,	\$564 92
Annual Dues from Members, and receipts from Subscribing Libraries:	
For the year 1892, \$	3 00
" " " 1893,	6 00
" " " 1894,	38 70
" " " 1895,	193 50
" " " 1896,	1,181 40
" " " 1897,	20 43
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	\$1,443 03
Sale of <i>Publications</i> ,	64 04
For partial cost of publication of articles and for reprints of the same:	
Gustav Gruener,	10 00
A. H. Tolman,	3 00
Thomas R. Price,	4 25
O. F. Emerson,	2 75
E. H. Magill,	4 25
C. C. Marden,	80 00
Mary A. Scott,	90 00
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	\$ 194 25
Advertisements,	95 00
Postage returned,	63
From the Central Division,	15 00
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	\$ 110 63
Total receipts for the year,	<hr/> <hr/> \$2,376 87

EXPENDITURES.

Publication of Vol. XI, 1, and Reprints, . . \$	298 31
" " " " 2, " "	257 24
" " " " 3, " "	180 61
" " " " 4, " "	422 71
Wrappers,	12 00
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	\$1,170 87
Supplies for the Secretary: stationery, postage, mailing <i>Publications</i> , etc.,	62 90
Supplies for the Treasurer: stationery, postage, etc.,	27 62
The Secretary,	200 00
Job printing,	9 25
Stenographer,	3 75

PROCEEDINGS FOR 1896.

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Shelves for store-room,	6 00	
The Central Division,	15 00	
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		\$ 324 52
Total expenditures for the year,		\$1,495 39
Balance on hand December 26, 1896,		881 48
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		\$2,376 87
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The following Committees were appointed by the President:

- (1) To audit the Treasurer's accounts: Professors Charles Harris and George Hempl.
- (2) To nominate officers: Professors W. T. Hewitt, F. N. Scott, H. Schilling, E. A. Eggers, and Dr. B. D. Woodward.
- (3) To recommend place for the next Annual Meeting: Professors M. D. Learned, W. T. Hewitt, G. A. Hench, F. M. Warren, and H. E. Greene.

The Secretary, on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider questions touching the relation of the Association to the Central Division of the Association (vid. *Proceedings for 1895*, pp. vi and xx), reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Association to receive and act upon further communications from the Central Division of the Association, with reference to the establishment of relations between the Association and its Central Division, ask to submit the following report:

The first report of the Committee was adopted by the Association (vid. *Proceedings for 1895*, p. xx f.) and thereafter communicated to the Central Division, where it was received and acted upon as recorded in *Proceedings for 1895*, p. lxii, and as set forth in the following letter:

THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA,

PROFESSOR G. L. KITTREDGE,

6th Feb., 1896.

Harvard University.

Dear Sir:

At the Chicago meeting of the Central Modern Language Conference, December-January, 1895-96, a Committee on Organization was appointed to consult with the corresponding Committee of the Modern Language Association of America on the question of union between the two societies. I have, therefore, the honor of informing you, as Chairman of that Committee, that the Conference has adopted a Constitution, framed by our

Committee with the assistance of Professor Tolman of Chicago University, as representative of your Committee, whereby our society has established itself as "Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America." I enclose copies of our Constitution for the use of the members of your Committee and of the officers of the Association. It will appear that our Constitution is in harmony with the report offered by your Committee upon the request of our Secretary. A few points which were specified by your Committee have not been embodied in our Constitution, but it was the sense of the assembly that your suggestions were generally acceptable. I believe that the formulation of any further details may now be left to future experience; if, however, your Committee desire to propose any questions upon which an agreement should be reached at present, I shall be glad to correspond with you on behalf of our Committee.

Hoping that the two branches of the Association may never cease to work together harmoniously for the good of the common cause, I am

Respectfully yours,

GUSTAF E. KARSTEN,

Chairman of the Committee on Organization.

The Secretary of the Association and Professor A. H. Tolman, as members of the Committee representing the Association, have recently conferred with the Secretary of the Central Division and with Professor Gustaf E. Karsten, Chairman of the Committee representing the Central Division. This conference resulted in the framing of the following rules for the practical coöperation of the Association and the Central Division:

1. All bills for membership dues shall be sent from the Treasurer of the Association, and shall be payable to him.

2. All official publications, including programmes and other announcements, whether printed by the Association or by the Central Division, shall be sent to all the members of the Association.

3. The Editorial Committee shall consist of three members, one to represent the Association, one to represent the Central Division, and, *ex officio*, the Secretary of the Association. This Committee shall determine all questions touching the publication of papers and articles by the Association. The present practice is commended in accordance with which the three members of this Committee represent respectively the Germanic, the Romanic and the English Departments.

The Committee recommends the approval of the action of the Central Division as here reported, and the adoption of the three rules of the Committee in conference.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LYMAN KITTREDGE, *Chairman.*

JAMES MORGAN HART,

JAMES W. BRIGHT,

ALBERT H. TOLMAN.

On motion of Professor George Hempl this report and its recommendations were adopted.

The reading of papers was then begun.

1. "*Learn'd, learnèd* and their kin." By Professor George Hempl, of the University of Michigan.

This paper was discussed by Professors O. F. Emerson, F. N. Scott, Frank H. Chase, and James W. Bright.

2. "Goethe's Sonnets." By Professor Henry Wood, of the Johns Hopkins University. [Read by Dr. T. S. Baker.]

This paper was discussed by Professors R. Hochdörfer, Calvin Thomas, and W. T. Hewitt.

3. "Machiavelli and the Elizabethan Drama." By Dr. Edward Meyer, of the Western Reserve University.

Remarks upon the paper were offered by Professor M. D. Learned.

4. "Recent work of the Rumanian Academy." By Dr. B. D. Woodward, of Columbia University.

During a recent visit to Rumania I had many excellent opportunities to become acquainted with the institutions of that country, and took great interest in particular in the work of the Rumanian Academy. This body, as now constituted, is made up of thirty-six members, evenly divided into three sections—literary, historical, and scientific. Four charter members, two literary and two historical, still appear on the roll of the Rumanian Academy (since April 22d, 1866); thirty members are dead. The Academy elects also thirty-six honorary members, forty-five corresponding Rumanian members—fifteen to each section—and foreign corresponding members. First in the list of honorary members stands King Charles of Rumania, who bears the title of protector of the Academy, and is also its honorary President. His name is followed by that of his Queen, Elizabeth (Carmen Sylva); then come those of the Crown Princes of Rumania and Italy.

It was my good fortune to become acquainted with several members of the Academy, and to hear from them directly of the work in which they, individually as scholars and collectively as members of the same learned body, are interested. The Annals of the Academy, including the latest volume of transactions (1895-96), were before me while preparing this paper, and have enabled me thus to report to you on the recent work